



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

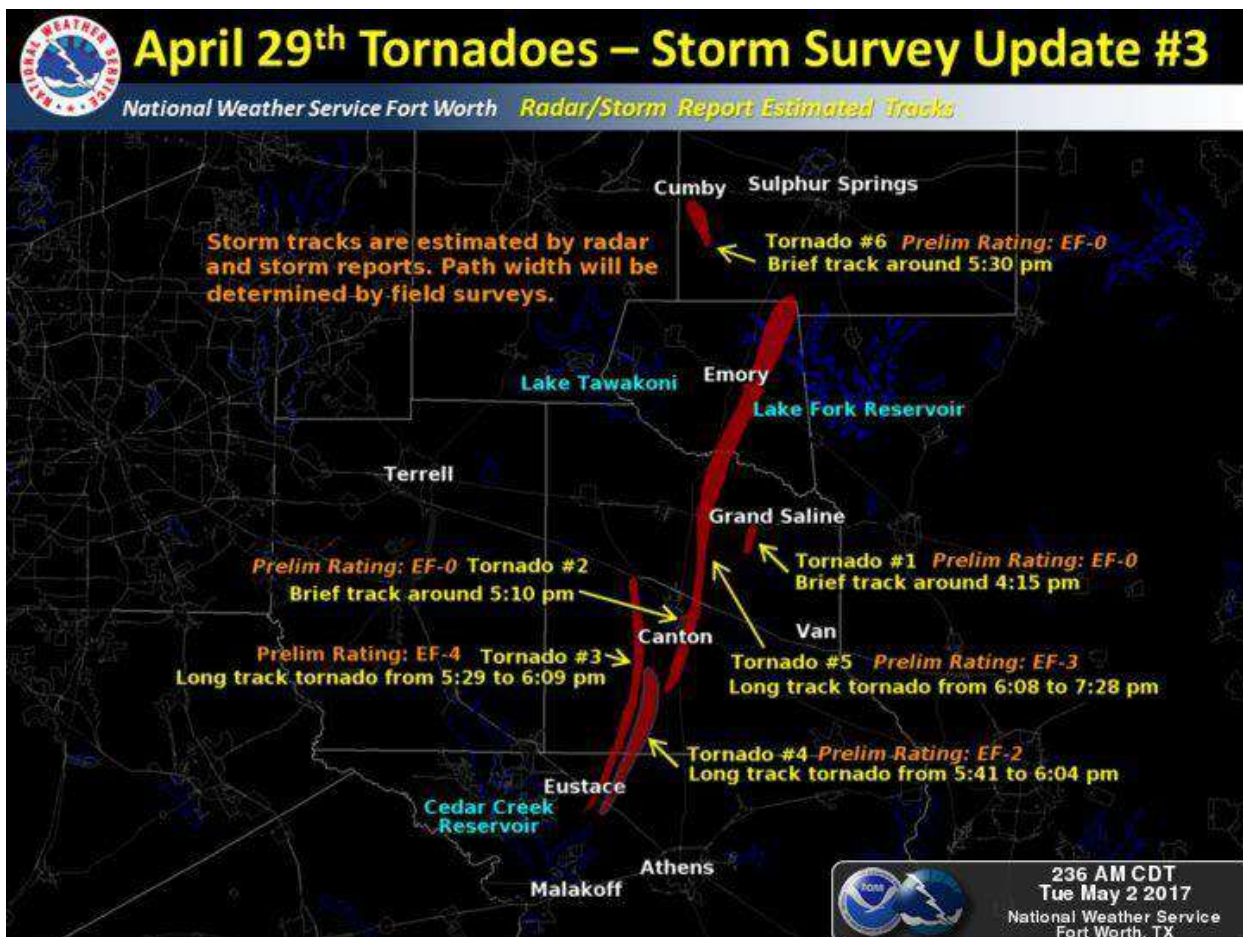
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<b>Event Name</b>	17-0010 April Severe Weather Incident
<b>Date</b>	May 01, 2017
<b>Time</b>	0700
<b>Operational Period</b>	0700 May 01, 2017 - 0700 May 02, 2017
<b>Report Number</b>	3 - <b>FINAL</b>

Regions Affected	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1
<b>DDC's Active</b>	DDC 6 – Tyler

### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Eight tornadoes have been confirmed so far, 6 by National Weather Service (NWS) Fort Worth and 2 by NWS Shreveport. Tornado #1 near Grand Saline has been given a preliminary rating of EF-0, traveling for 1.5 miles. Tornado #2 around one mile east of Canton has been given a preliminary rating of EF-0, traveling for 2 miles. Tornado #3 was a long track tornado south of Eustace to just west of Canton, and has been upgraded to an EF-4, traveling for 22 miles. Tornado #4 has been given a preliminary rating of EF-3, traveling for 40 miles, which was a long track tornado starting in Henderson County and tracked into Van Zandt County, south of Canton. Tornado #5 tracked just east of Canton and north into Rains County has been given a preliminary rating of EF-3. Tornado #6 was confirmed in far southwest Hopkins County, south of Cumby/I-30, and has been given a preliminary rating of EF-0. Tornado #7 touched down west of highway 69, north of Lindale in Smith County, and moved east northeast has been given a preliminary rating of EF-1. Tornado #8 touched down east of highway 69, southeast of Mineola in Wood County, and tracked east and north east, and lifted as it crossed highway 80. This tornado was given a preliminary rating of EF-1.



On Monday May, 1, 2017, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster in Henderson, Rains, and Van Zandt counties and the transition to recovery has begun. The State Operations Center returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) at 1:30 PM, 1 May 2017 however continues to monitor for any requests for assistance from impacted jurisdictions.

#### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Transition to Recovery
2. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

#### Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

**DDC 6 – Tyler** (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

DDC Tyler is activated at Level III (Escalated Response) and has co-located with the Van Zandt County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Van Zandt, Henderson, and Rains counties continue to experience electrical outages due to damages from multiple tornadoes. An Incident

Command Post is located at the TxDOT Maintenance Office in Canton. Search and rescue operations were completed on 05/01/2017 and demobilized. The City of Eustace issued a boil water notice and received bottled water from the American Red Cross (ARC). Canton Independent School District (ISD) and Eustace ISD were closed on Monday, May 1, 2017. TxDOT assisted Van Zandt County officials with debris removal from local roadways so search and rescue operations could continue. Van Zandt County and the City of Canton EOC are activated and are co-located.

Trinity Valley Electric Coop is reporting approximately 2400 without power. Restoration efforts continue.

The majority of outages were due to a 138 kV transmission line that was down in multiple locations. Assessments showed 25 transmission structures broken and over 170 broken distribution poles.

The water facility in East Eustace is still without power. Crews had difficulty restoring that area Sunday night. Expected restoration was mid-day to late afternoon on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Oncor reported seven customers are without power in the Oncor East Texas area. In particular, the Canton substation service has been restored and service to Canton customers who can receive service have been restored. (There may be customers with premise damage who cannot take service).

Southwestern Electric reported 132 customers are without power in the affected area.

## **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** 10 Game Wardens and a supervisor were on scene, TPWD representative deployed to Canton DDC. Demobilization began at the end of shift on Monday, 1 May 2017.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Highway Patrol (THP):** THP has 10 troopers and one sergeant working in the affected area. DPS Aviation flew 6.6 hours on 04/30/17 with two rotary airframes conducting aerial damage assessment.

**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM):** TDEM State and District Coordinators are supporting the DDC and local jurisdictions impacted by the severe weather. TDEM Disaster Recovery Finance Coordinators have also been activated to provide disaster response cost capturing assistance to impacted jurisdictions. A TDEM Volunteer Agency Liaison (VAL) has deployed to Van Zandt County to assist with Volunteer/Donations Management. A multi-agency recovery center has been established and will open on Thursday, 4 May 2017

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** Deployed 22 employees, four Gradall excavators, six loaders, two pickups, and one sign truck were deployed to assist Van Zandt County with clearing county roads. Van Zandt County showed damage to roadways from trees and debris. TxDOT has emergency fuel vehicles on site to provide fueling to emergency response vehicles. Crews continue debris removal to assist electrical crews continuing to work

on power restoration and traffic crews are assisting with intersections without power to provide traffic control signs. 20 employees engaged in cleanup operations around the area

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service:** Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1 and TX-TF2) were demobilized on Monday, 05/01/2017 after completing additional searches in Henderson and Rains County which were inaccessible by vehicle.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS personnel supporting the Incident Management Team were reassigned to support the DDC/Van Zandt County EOC.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** Providing support to the DDC. The AMBUS has been demobilized. Morgue trailer deployed to support operations in Canton will demobilize now that all search and rescue operations have been completed.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** There have been no impacts to hospitals or living centers. Reports received of two nursing home facilities running on generator power. HHSC is conducting "wellness checks" and 2-1-1 is supporting local information needs.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** Deployed a veterinary team to support TX-TF1 and TX-TF2 canine search animals. They are also assessing animal and carcass needs.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ continues to contact drinking water and wastewater facilities to determine operational status. They have been notified of 5 public drinking water systems that have issued Boil Water Notices in the impacted areas. Staff continues to provide technical assistance and guidance to local jurisdictions concerning debris management operations.

**Mass Care:** Texas Volunteers Active in Disasters (VOADs) are actively involved with the American Red Cross (ARC) and have opened two shelters. The Salvation Army (TSA) and Mercy Chefs are conducting feeding operations to support first responders and disaster survivors. TSA has a command canteen deployed and two additional canteens to serve first responders. Coordination is taking place for a multi-agency feeding task force.

A total of four shelters remain open with no current guests.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** This will be the final situation report issued for this incident. The State of Texas State Operations Center (SOC) decreased its readiness level to Level IV (Normal Conditions) at 1:30 P.M., May 1, 2017. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:  
<http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/>.*

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